Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Children are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow. All students have a right to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting; and,

Whereas, Children today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and,

Whereas, School nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 100 years; and,

Whereas, School nurses are professional nurses who advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by providing a critical safety net for our nation's most fragile children; and,

Whereas, School nurses act as a liaison to the school community, parents, and health care providers on behalf of children's health; and,

Whereas, School nurses support the health and educational success of children and youth by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and,

Whereas, School nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2016, as

SCHOOL NURSES DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State